The financing arrangement between the Central Government and the State Government is as under:—

Current Cost	:	Rs. 5453 Crores	
Completion Cost	:	Rs. 6395 Crores	
		Contribution by	
		Govt. of India	Govt. of Karnataka
Equity	:	15%	15%
Subordinate	:	10%	15%
Senior term debt	:		45%

The Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) has agreed to lend Rs. 1795 crores for the project and the remaining portion of the Senior term debt will be raised from the financial institutions in India.

The Municipal Corporation of Bangalooru is not participating in the financing of the project.

Communication network

†*215. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in the country that are yet to be linked with communication network, State-wise;

(b) whether during the last three years landline services of telephone are decreasing and mobile services are increasing;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether quality of service has come down as a result thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to improve quality of communication services?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The work of providing telecom facilities to uncovered villages has been taken up under Bharat Nirman Programme. 16,302 villages remain to be linked with communication network as on 30.9.2007. This excludes villages having population less than 100, lying in thick forests/naxalite affected areas. State-wise detail is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The decrease of landline phone connections are because of various reasons *inter alia*:—

(i) Preference of customers for mobile telephone connection.

(ii) Surrendering of 2nd and above telephone taken for Internet, etc. due to availability of broadband.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. As per section 11(1)(b)(v) of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act, 1977, TRAI shall *inter alia* discharge the function to lay down the standards of quality of service to be provided by the service providers and conduct the periodical survey of such service provided by the service providers so as to protect the interest of the consumer of the telecommunication service. Accordingly, TRAI does vigorous monitoring

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of the performance of the service providers through Quarterly Performance Monitoring Reports, Network Congestion Reports and Independent Agency Audit. TRAI also submits to DOT at the end of every Quarter returns and statement stipulated in the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Annual Report and Returns) Rules, 1999. The statement *inter alia* includes periodical survey conducted to monitor quality of service, steps taken to achieve the USO, research and studies conducted including those conducted outside India etc. Under section 13 of the TRAI Act, TRAI issues directives to concerned service providers if deficiencies are observed in the quality of service.

Statement

Number of villages yet to be linked with communication network (State-wise)

Sl. No.	Name of the Service Area	Total No. of uncovered villages	On Satellite Technology	On other Technology	No. of villages yet to be linked
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1074	115	959	431
2.	Assam	8931	279	8652	355
3.	Jharkhand	1694	1694	0	643
4.	Gujarat	4144	0	4144	347
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1002	275	727	160
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	1755	465	1290	569
7.	Madhya Pradesh	11894	443	11451	241
8.	Chhattisgarh	5043	88	4955	2020
9.	Maharashtra	6441	496	5945	829
10.	North East-I	2128	578	1550	1866
10A.	Meghalaya (NE-I)	1957	500	1457	1774
10B.	Mizoram (NE-I)	96	20	76	86
10C.	Tripura (NE-I)	75	58	17	6
11.	North East-II	1550	1289	261	872
11A.	Arunachal Pradesh (NE-II)	646	543	103	440
11B.	Manipur (NE-II)	876	730	146	423
11C.	Nagaland (NE-II)	28	16	12	9
12.	Orissa	4899	4899	0	4027
13.	Rajasthan	12386	18	12368	1690
14.	Uttaranchal	3881	3544	337	2252
	TOTAL:	66822	14183	52639	16302